

CONGRESS WORKING AT TOP SPEED ON 8-HOUR BILL

ALL OTHER MEASURES DROPPED

Passage of One Measure Would Serve to Avert Strike

WILSON LEAVES CITY

Spokesman For the Brotherhoods Visited White House This Morning

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Sept. 1.—Bills to avert railroad strike actually were put on their way to passage today in both houses of Congress.

Under the special rule providing for a vote, not later than 4:30 this afternoon the House took up the Adamson eight hour day bill approved by President Wilson and accepted by the Brotherhood leaders as a "satisfactory settlement."

The Senate inter state commerce committee reported a similar bill that however contains an independent provision empowering the inter state commerce commission to fix schedule of wages on inter state railways. It provides the eight hour day shall become effective January 1, 1917, that the present pay for ten hour day shall apply to the shorter day; that overtime shall be paid pro rata but adds that within not less than six and not more than twelve months after its passage, the inter state commerce commission shall assume jurisdiction of the question of hours and wages and that they shall be subject to petition for changes from either the employers or the employees and the public.

The possibility for a hitch seemed to be in this added provision which is being studied by the Brotherhood leaders.

Senate Republicans decided today to frame a bill of their own and offer it as substitute for the administration bill.

A committee was appointed to draft it. After a 20 minute session the committee was informed that the majority plan is to rush through the bill it has framed at once and to stay in session all night if necessary to pass them.

The Republicans adjourned without action of any kind. There were indications that the plans to draft substitute bills probably would be abandoned.

At 2 o'clock Senator Newlands introduced the revised Senate bill and it was formally referred to the inter state commerce committee. Senator Newlands said the committee would report finally within a short time and that he would seek to hold the Senate in session until the whole subject was disposed of even if it should extend the session far into the night.

Garretson Visits Wilson; Won't Talk

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Sept. 1.—A. B. Garretson, spokesman for the railroad brotherhoods, held a brief conference with President Wilson today. When he left the White House he refused absolutely to say why he had called. The President kept the cabinet waiting while he talked with Mr. Garretson. White House officials said Mr. Garretson had called to give the President "some information."

Mr. Garretson refused to say whether he discussed calling off of the strike.

There was every indication however, that the administration expected the strike to be called off before Sunday morning.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 1.—A mass rally which would result in rescinding the orders for a railroad strike next Monday may be passed by the House and Senate under special rule today and within 24 hours the bill may be on its way to receive President Wilson's signature.

Both houses had under consideration virtually identical bills establishing the eight-hour day for trainmen in interstate railroad commerce and providing for the creation of a commission to study the effect, and President Wilson was on hand to press for immediate passage.

He went to the capitol after nine o'clock to confer with Senate and House leaders. He urged as much speed as possible in the consideration of the legislation.

The House met at eleven o'clock to

Text of Bill Now in Congress Designed to Avert Rail Strike

WASHINGTON, Sept. 1.—Following is the text of the revised eight-hour bill that is to be put through the House and Senate to prevent a railway strike:

A BILL
TO ESTABLISH AN EIGHT HOUR DAY FOR EMPLOYEES OF CARRIERS ENGAGED IN INTERSTATE AND FOREIGN COMMERCE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Be it enacted, etc., that
Section 1.—Beginning December 1, 1916, eight hours shall in contracts for labor and service be deemed a day's work and the measure or standard of a day's work for the purpose of reckoning the compensation for services of all employees who are now or may hereafter be employed by a common-carrier or by a railroad, which is subject to the provisions of the act of February 1, 1887, entitled "An Act to Regulate Commerce" as amended and who are now or may hereafter be actually engaged in any capacity in the operation of trains, used for the transportation of persons or property on railroads, from any state or territory, of the United States or the District of Columbia, or from one place in a territory to another place in the same territory or from any place in the United States through a foreign country to any other place in the United States.

Section 2.—That the President shall appoint a commission of three which shall observe the operation and effect of the institution of the eight-hour standard work day as above determined and the facts and conditions affecting the relations between such common carriers and employees during a period of not less than six months, nor more than nine months, in the discretion of the commission and within thirty days thereafter said commission shall report its findings to the President and Congress; that each member of the commission created under the provisions of this act shall receive such compensation as may be fixed by the President. The sum of \$25,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary, be, and hereby is, appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated for the necessary and proper expenses incurred in connection with the work of such commission, including salaries, per diem, traveling expenses of members and employees and rent, furniture, office fixtures and supplies, books, salaries and other necessary expenses, the same to be approved by the chairman of said commission and audited by the proper accounting officers of the treasury.

Section 3.—That pending the report of the commission herein provided for, and for a period of 30 days thereafter, the compensation of railway employees subject to this act for a standard eight-hour work day, shall not be reduced below the present standard eight-hour work day, shall not be in excess of eight hours, such employees shall be paid at the rate, not less than the pro rata rate for such standard eight-hour work day.

Section 4.—That any person violating any provision of this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined not less than \$100 and not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned not to exceed one year or both.

vote finally on the Adamson bill introduced yesterday with the administration at 4:30 this afternoon. The Senate convened at ten to take up the bill on which the inter state commerce committee worked throughout the night after an all day hearing.

Both House and Senate bill would provide for payment of pro rata wages for time over eight hours and both would have to be investigated by a commission of three members appointed by the President to report its recommendations in from six to nine months after the law becomes effective.

This date is set for December 1 by the House bill and January 1 by the Senate bill. The Senate measure also would exempt railroads less than 100 miles long and the electric street and interurban lines. The house would allow \$25,000 for the commission and Senate \$50,000.

President Wilson arranged to leave at 3 p. m. for his summer home at Long Branch, N. J., where he will be notified tomorrow of his nomination. A special messenger will be dispatched to him with the bill when it is passed.

Brotherhood leaders have reaffirmed their intention of considering the passage of an eight-hour bill as satisfactory settlement and have promised to call off the strike if it is enacted before tomorrow night.

Speaker Clark believes Congress can adjourn by Wednesday if the strike legislation is disposed of tomorrow.

Majority leader Kern said after the president's visit that the Democrats would concentrate on the eight hour bill and put over the rest of the railroad legislation until next week. A number of the Democrats felt that there would be little disposition among Republicans to filibuster against the eight hour bill in view of the present conditions.

The Senate committee has determined that there was too much opposition to the inter state commerce commission's enlargement bill to risk attacking it to the emergency legislation. Senator Newlands said the committee also was considering including a provision to empower the inter state commerce commission to fix the schedule of wages upon railroads. "We will have to do this sometime and might as well do it now," he said. He also was inclined to urge the committee to include in the eight hour bill some features of the proposed amendment to the arbitration act which would prevent future strikes during investigation.

There seemed to be little prospect that the committee would agree to that because of the certainty that it would provoke opposition.

President Wilson, it was said, had become convinced that the only thing that could be done at once, was the prompt passage of the eight hour bill and had urged the Senate bill adhere as closely as possible to the Adamson bill in the House.

The railroad heads having voiced a protest against legislation did nothing today, awaiting its outcome.

Harring unforeseen complications it seemed assured today that Congress would act finally before Saturday night and in time for the brotherhood heads to call off the strike for seven a. m. Monday morning.

Republican senators in conference today decided to draft legislation of their own to offer as a substitute for that proposed by Democrats to avert the threatened strike.

Pittsburgh Man Heads the G. A. R.

(By Associated Press)
KANSAS CITY, Sept. 1.—William J. Patterson, of Pittsburgh, was elected commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic at the annual encampment here today. He succeeds Capt. Eliza R. Monfort, of Cincinnati.

PRESS AGENT STARTS FAKE ON SUFFRAGE

Story in Pittsburgh Papers Traced to Democratic Source.

The Democratic party's stock—perhaps every other word is the proper word—of press agents is the largest in captivity, but it just can't behave. For instance, make the acquaintance of the following neat little dispatch which was sent out from Charleston last night and printed this morning in the Pittsburgh newspapers:

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Sept. 1.—A bomb was thrown into the camp of the woman suffragists who have been working for the ratification of the suffrage amendment to the State Constitution to be voted on at the November election, when attention was called to the fact that there had been failure to comply with provisions of the State Constitution and that even if the cause is overwhelmingly triumphant at the polls November 7, equal suffrage cannot be extended to women. The Constitution of West Virginia provides that the legislature when submitting a proposal amendment to the vote of the people, shall cause the same "to be published at least three months before such election in some newspaper in every county in which a newspaper is published. This has not been done.

West Virginia readers of the Pittsburgh papers who have been seeing the advertisement of Secretary of State Reed announcing the coming vote on the proposed suffrage amendment in the state papers were a bit puzzled when they observed this. Inquiry at the capitol at Charleston today is a fake cooked up by the "Democratic publicity man" at Charleston. The advertisements have been printed all over the state as required by law and the Attorney General promptly said that "there is nothing in it" when the matter was referred to him.

It would be interesting to know who collects from the Pittsburgh papers for this piece of fiction, the man who invented it or his boss the Democratic state committee.

Bulgaria Declares War on Rumania

(By Associated Press)
LONDON, Sept. 1.—Bulgaria has declared war on Rumania, according to an official announcement made at Saloniki as forwarded by Reuters correspondent there.

Infantile Paralysis Rumor Unfounded

A rumor that a case of infantile paralysis had developed on Walnut avenue was circulated on the streets this afternoon but according to a statement of Dr. C. M. Ramage made at three o'clock this afternoon no such case had been reported.

Rev. Mr. Webb Will Preach at Charleston

LOCAL, M. E. SOUTH PASTOR WILL OPEN CONFERENCE AT CHARLESTON.

The annual session of the Western Virginia conference, M. E. church, south, convenes in First Church Charleston, Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock, September 6. Bishop John C. Kilgo, of Charlotte, N. C., will be the presiding officer.

Rev. R. T. Webb, the local pastor of the Williams Memorial church will preach the opening sermon on Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. The Board of Education, Missions, Church Extension, Sunday schools and other conference boards will be in session from day to day, and transact most important business.

On Thursday evening the Board of Education will observe its anniversary service, when Bishop Kilgo will deliver the address on Christian Education. The pastors will occupy the various pulpits of the Capital city on the Sabbath of the conference. The bishop will preach at the First M. E. church, south, on Sunday morning, and on the same day will ordain the deacons and elders. The appointments will probably be read Monday morning, September 11. This final event will be of great interest to 50,000 people in West Virginia and Eastern Kentucky.

RIVER PROBLEM IS NOW BEING WORKED OUT

Water Transportation to be Developed Even If No Strike Occurs.

W. E. Watson, Jr., of the River Traffic committee, recently appointed by the Fairmont improvement association, stated today that while the present indications are that the railroad strike may be averted Monday yet his committee was still working on the proposition of reviving the river traffic on the Monongahela. The meeting of the committee scheduled for this afternoon was postponed until Mr. Watson had received a reply from a communication to a prominent boat man of Pittsburgh.

A 250 ton boat is thought to be about the proper size for this traffic and the man with whom the committee is now in touch has this kind of a boat. It is not likely that any immediate action will be taken until it is known whether or not the strike will occur Monday. In case it should occur the committee is confident that a boat can be in operation between Fairmont and Pittsburgh within two or three days. This with the present boat connections that now operate on the Ohio will give Fairmont an open waterway for freight or passengers to Wheeling, Parkersburg, Cincinnati, and other down the river points.

Even should the strike not occur Mr. Watson stated today that the committee would state as soon as possible arrange for a satisfactory packet service between this city and Pittsburgh.

School Opening Not Yet Decided

AUTHORITIES AWAIT THE RETURN OF UNION DISTRICT PRESIDENT.

Both the Fairmont Independent District Board of Education and the City Health department are awaiting the return by Mayor E. B. Carskadon from Charleston so that the matter of deciding whether or not the schools shall be opened September 1 or not can be completed. Both President G. M. Alexander of the Fairmont Board and City Health officer Dr. C. M. Ramage are in favor of accepting the proposed plan of the Marion county Medical society. They are awaiting Major Carskadon who is president of the Board in Union independent district so that the action taken on both sides of the river will be uniform.

Germans Cut Through the British Lines

(By Associated Press)
LONDON, Sept. 1.—Five successive attacks were made by German troops last night on British positions on the Somme front.

The war office said today that the Germans penetrated the British defenses on a small frontage at two points between Glinchy and Highwood.

GIRLS WILL PICNIC TUESDAY

Tuesday was chosen as the date for the outing of the women's swimming classes of the Y. M. C. A. and the girls are today planning the picnic lunch which will be one of the most attractive features of the day. The party will leave early in the morning and will likely go up the river in boats. All of the swimming instructors and a number of other "Life Guards" will attend the outing.

C. C. LEWIS JR. QUILTS HIS JOB AS CHAIRMAN

Says He Is too Busy to Run Democratic State Campaign.

DISSENTION IN PARTY

His Retirement Confirms a Story Printed Here Last Week.

HUNTINGTON, W. Va., Sept. 1.—A letter written by Chairman C. C. Lewis, Jr., of Charleston, of the state Democratic Executive committee and addressed to John C. Cornwell nominee for Governor, announces the former has resigned his position on the committee.

Chairman Lewis offers as his excuse his business interests in Charleston. He resigned as president of the West Virginia board of trade to accept the chairmanship of the State committee has been called for this city today, when according to the notice of the meeting, Mr. Lewis' successor and new presidential elector will be selected.

The retirement confirms the report, written by the West Virginian's Washington correspondent, to the effect that there are serious dissensions among the leaders of the West Virginia democracy. When this report was printed Wednesday of last week they were vehemently denied by some of the Democratic papers throughout the state.

GIRLS IN COUNTY CAN TOMATOES

Are Also Preparing Exhibit For the Agricultural Show.

Members of the Girls' Garden and Canning clubs, of which Miss Cora V. Price is the presiding genius, are busy all over the county this week canning tomatoes. The Marion county crop of tomatoes this year is not as good as it might be because of late blight, but in the gardens grown by the club members themselves, where plenty of spraying was done, the yield was splendid and hundreds of cans, each one of which contains 38 ounces of tomatoes, are being put up. The work will continue for some time. Today Miss Price is at the home of Evelyn McAllister at Benton Ferry and all of next week she will be at Farmington. During the fore part of the week she will assist at the home of Miss Ola Lough where 1,500 cans will be filled.

While this is going on the club members are preparing their exhibits for the agricultural show which will soon be held in this city. It is the hope of Miss Price that the show exhibit will outshine that made at the fair, which was very highly praised by all the experts. The expense of the fair exhibit of the girls who came to Fairmont to attend the canning school, conducted by instructors from the state headquarters at Morgantown, and for other activities of the club members which cost money have been defrayed from the treasury of the Home Economics Central which for efficiency and interest displayed by the members had far exceeded the expectations of the organizers. The women who belong to the Central have been raising the money which they generously devote to the welfare of the young members of Miss Price's clubs by holding socials and festivals throughout the county.

Three girls won trips to Morgantown by their entries in the garden and canning club display at the fair, Lena Huey, a first year girl, and Dencie Curry and Hazel Bowman, second year girls who tied. The other prize winners at the fair are: Canning exhibit—First, Dencie Curry; second, Christine Boor; third, Wanda Stewart. Relish exhibit—First, Mary Cleland; second, Forrest Piggett, third, Ola Lough. Fruits, Preserves and Pickles—First, Christine Boor; second, Icie Morgan; third, Nola Barbe. Sewing exhibit—First, Katherine Wilhelm; second, Nola Barbe; third, Maude Smith; fourth, Silvia Riggs.

The Weather.

West Virginia—Probably showers tonight and Saturday; warmer in the eastern portion tonight.

LOCAL WEATHER READINGS.

F. P. Hall, Observer.
Temperature at 8 a. m. today, 63. Yesterday's weather, clear; temperature, maximum, 92; minimum, 55; precipitation, none.

CLARKSBURG BABY SHOW IS STOPPED

Health Department Also Takes Precautions For Public Schools.

(Special Dispatch to West Virginian)
CHARLESTON, W. Va., Sept. 1.—An order was issued today by the State Department of Health requiring that all school children be kept from public and Sunday schools for two weeks after their arrival in West Virginia from localities in which infantile paralysis is known to exist.

The management of the Clarksburg Fair was requested to abandon its proposed baby show scheduled for the week of September 11.

The State Board of Control today announced that it has purchased and had delivered rations to last from thirty to sixty days to all state institutions except those of education. This is in anticipation of the proposed railroad strike.

The Department of Education has directed that the opening of all state schools scheduled for dates between September 12 and 20 be postponed in event the strike becomes a reality.

CLOSING SESSION OF INSTITUTE

Marion County Teachers Meeting Completed Work Today.

The completion of the Marion County Teachers' Institute this morning marks the close of the most successful affair of the kind ever held in the county, both in attendance and in the amount of work completed. The session today only occupied the morning and adjournment for the year was made at noon today.

Superintendent Helter gave his regular morning address, using "The Educational Value of the Story," for his topic. This talk was of unusual interest because of the many humorous statements that were made by Mr. Helter in illustrating his various points. One of the main thoughts which he emphasized very strongly was: "The purpose or point that was in the mind of the author when he wrote the story, must be clearly in the mind of the teacher before she tries to teach it to the students."

Mr. Rynearson made his final address on two different topics, the first being "Vocational Guidance," and the second "Government Aid for Manual Training." After hearing a very interesting talk on these two topics the teachers were presented their attendance certificates. A number of matters of importance were taken up and discussed at the business session, after which the institute adjourned.

Arrest Men Who Shot Officers

The two foreigners who shot and seriously wounded Deputy Marshal Athey and Officer McDonald, of Martinsburg on last Monday night and have since been hiding in a stone quarry near there, were arrested yesterday evening by Marshal C. E. Smith and deputies, and lodged in the Martinsburg jail to await a hearing. Deputy Marshal J. B. Moore, of Philippi, who arrived in Fairmont today, assisted in the capture of the men and stated that the attempt at resistance to the officers had been made this time.

Deputy Moore brought a number of other violators of the internal revenue law before Special Commissioner Kirby today on the charge of selling liquor without the necessary government license. Those who have been held for this charge are French Hood, Frank Miller and William Warren, all of Fairmont. Warren was taken to jail while the others arranged bond.

Child Labor Bill Signed by President

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Sept. 1.—President Wilson today signed the child labor bill. The ceremony was witnessed by Secretary Wilson, Senator Robinson, Representative Keating Julia Lathrop, chief of the children's bureau Department of Labor, and a large group of men and women interested in legislation for children.

HUGH JONES WINS CUP.
Hugh Jones defeated Albert Kelley in the finals of the tennis tournament for boys under sixteen. The tournament was arranged by Miss Sue Kearsley Watson and was played on the Country Club courts. By winning the singles Jones also wins the loving cup that was presented by Mrs. George T. Watson. The cup must be won two years by Jones before it becomes his own personal property. The score for the finals in the singles was 6-1, 6-4. Hugh Jones and William Raymond defeated Alex Robb and Small, in the doubles 6-4, 2-6, 6-4.

CONSTANTINE ABDICATES THE GREEK THRONE

Crown Prince Will Succeed But Venizelos Will Be Real Power.

WAS ONCE POPULAR IDOL

Beginning of War Brought Serious Troubles for King.

(By Associated Press)
LONDON, Sept. 1.—King Constantine, of Greece, has abdicated, according to the British official press representative at Saloniki.

The representatives say the king has abdicated in favor of Crown Prince with Venizelos as the power behind the throne.

The new policy, he reports, will be to work with the Entente allies according to information now available. Premier Zaimis will remain at the head of the government.

The correspondent questions whether the Entente allies desire the active assistance of Greece. Various rumors are in circulation here in regard to the situation in Greece.

Reuther dispatches from Saloniki say there has been fighting between Greek garrison at Saloniki and Greek volunteers recently organized to assist Greek regulars who are resisting the Bulgarians in Macedonia. French troops intervened to suppress the fighting and the garrison finally surrendered and marched out of Saloniki.

The reign of Constantine I, as king of the Hellenes was brief, dating only from March 18, 1912, when his father, George I, was assassinated in Saloniki.

Brief as the reign was, Constantine enjoyed a period of remarkable popularity until the war began and increased the territory of the Greek monarchy by over fifty per cent.

Born on August 3, 1868, he was educated largely by private tutors from Leipzig, which was said to have stamped upon him a permanent German influence. His military education was furthered by attendance at maneuvers in-law of the German Emperor by marrying the latter's sister, Princess Sophia, in 1889.

His alleged pro-German leanings, thus indicated, were unpopular with his people, and a strong party antagonistic to his desire to have Greece preserve neutrality and in favor of joining the Allies, precipitated a crisis.

The most interesting chapter of Constantine's life is the way in which he became the people's idol. Like his father, he had his ups and downs in favor. The Greeks having been quick-changing in their likes and dislikes, in 1896 when he saw his country drifting into war with Turkey, he sounded a warning that the Greek army was utterly unprepared for a campaign. The infantry was armed with condemned French rifles, which had cost \$2 each; the cartridges were 15 years old; there was no cavalry; the artillery was obsolete, and the officers few. Nevertheless, the result was disastrous—a humiliating defeat for Greece. Immediately the popular tide turned against its rulers, whom it denounced as foreigners who could have little in common with the Greeks. The King and Queen were hooted in the streets and the officers turned their backs upon the Crown Prince.

A similar spirit was roused against the royal house when, in 1909, King George tried to oppose the popular clamor for the annexation of Crete, knowing that Turkey was eagerly awaiting such an excuse to bring a second crushing defeat upon Greece.

This time the clamor almost became a revolt, and the King was obliged to yield to the demand of the military league, both for a re-organization of the army and for the dismissal of the Crown Prince as Generalissimo. He thereupon decided to accept a command in the Russian army, but the opposition to him was smothered out.

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Many Germans Are Captured by Russians

(By Associated Press)
PETROGRAD, Sept. 1.—In the course of battle yesterday on the western Russian front, says the Russian official statement of today, the Russians captured 239 officers and 15,591 men. Of this number 2,400 were Germans.

NOTICE

Consumers of city water are notified that an impure condition in the water prevails at this time and boiling water for drinking purposes is recommended by the City Health department. The impurity will probably be corrected within a week.